

Wenham Board of Selectmen
Bessie Buker School Multi Media Room
June 21, 2005 ~7:30 PM

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AT THEIR MEETING OF

July 26, 2005

Present: Selectmen, Tom Tanous Chair; Peter Hersee; Don Pickard
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Mr. Tanous opened the meeting at 7:27 PM and welcomed the audience.

New Business - Tree Warden Introduction - Pierre Erhard

Mr. Erhard was present and briefed the BOS regarding his philosophy of being proactive with trees in Town. He briefly identified a budget for FY07 to include the care for trees in Wenham.

He went on to suggest starting with soil testing and mulching around the trees.

Mr. Erhard also told the BOS that he would present a budget that included a part-time assistant who would help him maintain and care for the trees in town.

Mr. Tanous told Mr. Erhard to prepare a master plan budget for Town Meeting and to bring it to the BOS for review. It was agreed that Mr. Erhard will consult with Mr. Chelgren if he determines that there is an emergency situation.

As a part of this discussion, the BOS talked about alternatives to funding the plan of the Tree Warden.

Board and Committee Appointments

Mr. Chelgren identified that the BOS has received a list of all open positions in the Town Government.

Mr. Chelgren recommended that Eric Lustig be appointed to the Capital Management Advisory Committee.

Mr. Pickard moved to appoint Eric Lustig as a member of the CMAC representing the Town of Wenham. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved that Mr. Chelgren serve as the at-large nominee on the CMAC. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to appoint Mike Lucy and Tom Zampell to the Historic District Commission. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion to appoint Mr. Lucy and Mr. Zampell was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chelgren identified that one candidate for the Community Preservation Committee has declined to serve at this time and he is waiting for a response from another person.

Mr. Hersee moved to appoint Herb Cheeseman and Susan Quateman to the CPC, seconded by Mr. Pickard and approved by unanimous vote.

Finance Committee - Mr. Chelgren identified that there are two open positions on the Finance and Advisory Committee. He went on to say that the BOS is waiting for notification from the current members on whether or not they will request reappointment and at this time no action by the BOS is necessary.

Iron Rail Commission - Mr. Chelgren identified that Iron Rail Commission Chair, Charlie Thibeault has resigned and that Iron Rail Commissioner Tara Rand has agreed to serve as the Chair and will be seeking a vote from the Commission.

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Mr. Chelgren identified that there is one open position on the IRC.

Police Department - Deputy Chief Ken Walsh was present and told the BOS that there are two openings in the Department. He identified those positions as a full time Patrolman and a Detective.

He briefly explained that there is one opening at the Lowell Academy for classes starting on August 1, 2005. Therefore he told the BOS that he is requesting that they act expeditiously to fill the positions and that the positions be filled from within the Wenham Police Department structure.

Deputy Chief Walsh requested authorization from the BOS to proceed with the selection. He identified that he will post the positions and start the interview process.

Mr. Pickard moved and endorsed the full time Patrolman and Detective positions and authorized Deputy Chief Walsh to proceed with filling the position.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Boulder Lane Land Study Committee

Finance Committee members Scott Mackintosh and Larry Swartz suggested that the Town Administrator seek authorization to form a study committee to assess development possibilities and negotiate with a private property owner who owns a section of the land.

Mr. Tanous noted that a Finance Committee member cannot serve on this committee but others are encouraged to submit letters of interest to the Town Administrator.

Reports

Mr. Chelgren identified that they are working with the Joint Recreation Committee to extend the same agreement that they have with Hamilton to match funds with the Town for capital projects such as resurfacing the tennis courts and work in Pingree Park.

He noted that Wenham still carries a line item in the budget for this.

Mr. Tanous said that the COA volunteer recognition is on June 23, 2005 at the Community House. Mr. Chelgren and Mr. Hersee are attending.

Mr. Tanous identified that the BOS will continue meeting every other week during the summer

The COA is requesting that the title of the Coordinator be changed to COA Director with no changes to the salary or job description.

The BOS requested additional information from the COA regarding this request.

Recycling program - Town of Wenham is expanding the recycling program on July 1, 2005 to include magazines, junk mail and # 1- 7 plastics. This information is also posted on the Town Web site or by calling the Town Hall office.

The League of Women Voters were acknowledged and thanked for their input in getting the program expanded.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the following BOS meeting minutes with edits as indicated.

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April 5, 2005; April 12, 2005 3 pm meeting at police station; April 12 2005 BOS meeting
April 19, 2005; April 26, 2005 Joint Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee
meeting; May 3, 2005; ES May 3, 2005; May 3, 2005; May 10, 2005 policy meeting
Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Pickard moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion pending
litigation associated with the Town Hall /Police Station appeal and to return to open session
for the purpose of adjournment.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by roll call vote.

The BOS returned from Executive Session and Mr. Pickard moved to adjourn and the vote
was unanimous.